4-H Family Handbook 2021-2022

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Welcome to Brazos County 4-H!

We are glad that you have chosen to be part of the largest non-formal youth education organization in the United States! Over 5.6 million youth participate in 4-H each year to become self-motivated, productive and contributing citizens.

4-H is designed to be a family affair, so 4-H parents are encouraged to get involved in the 4-H experience. Ways that 4-H parents can contribute range from serving as a project leader to providing transportation to activities or even supplying refreshments for meetings or special events. 4-H parents are also needed to supervise 4-H activities.

Brazos County has an outstanding group of dedicated adult volunteer leaders as well as a superb group of motivated 4-H members. We welcome your family into our Brazos County 4-H family!

Please read through your Brazos County 4-H Handbook to answer any questions you may have about the 4-H program. This handbook is designed as a reference tool for you throughout the 4-H year. Please refer to the 4-H newsletter as you set your goals for participation in 4-H events and contests.

Best wishes for a fulfilling year in 4-H! We look forward to seeing you at events throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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About 4-H

Motto
"To Make the Best Better"

Emblem
The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf, standing for head, heart, hands, and health. The 4-H Clover and name are protected under 18U.S.C 707. Permission is required to duplicated it.

Colors
The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature's most common color and represents life, springtime and youth. White symbolizes purity.

Pledge
I pledge
My head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service and
My health to better living, for my club, my community,
my country and my world.

4-H Year
September 1 to August 31

Age of 4-H Members
Youth may participate in the 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:

- Minimum age - 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)
- Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31)

Texas 4-H Age Categories for project activity purposes are:

Junior	Grades 3, 4, and 5
Intermediate	Grades 6, 7, and 8
Senior	Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

Ten easy steps to getting the most out of 4-H:

Step 1: Youth Complete Online Enrollment
Step 2: Parents Complete Online Enrollment
Step 3: Get Involved
Step 4: Start a Project
Step 5: Complete a Project
Step 6: Participate in Activities
Step 7: Keep Records
Step 8: Share Information
Step 9: Help Others
Step 10: Promote 4-H

Link to 4-H Online: https://texas.4honline.com/

Link to helpful tips: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4honline/

Link to Brazos County Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/brazos4h/

About 4-H

Adult Leaders Association

All 4-H parents and leaders are encouraged to become part of the Adult Leaders Association!
This association is composed of volunteer 4-H leaders who meet and work together to support the 4-H youth of Brazos County. The Adult Leaders Association works in conjunction with the County 4-H Council to plan and coordinate county-wide 4-H activities. The Adult Leaders Association works to financially assist the 4-H youth through fund raising projects. The Association is also useful as a meeting forum in which leaders may exchange ideas.

President.....Bryan Kotrla
Vice President.....Stacy Schnieder
Secretary.....Wendy Kotrla
Treasurer.....Lana Smith
Delagates at Large.....Stephanie Czajkowski & Tim Hardy

4-H Council

Members of the Brazos County 4-H Council plan and coordinate 4-H activities in the county. The Brazos County 4-H Council also promotes district and state level 4-H activities. County Council is comprised of 4-H members from each of the various 4-H clubs in the county. Clubs are encouraged to have two council delegates who will attend the County 4-H Council meetings. Typically, a 4-H member is elected into the position of council delegate and represents his or her club at the County 4-H Council meetings. In most cases, the president of the 4-H club also serves as a delegate to the County 4-H Council In addition to the club council delegates and presidents, membership to the council is open to all 4-H youth.

The Brazos 4-H Council serves as a communication channel. Council delegates represent their club and relay information and ideas from their club to council. The council delegates also relay information from the council to their club to keep the members up to date on county-wide activities and events.

2021-2022 Brazos 4-H Council

Chairman..... Delayna Hold
First Vice Chairman..... Peyton Smith
Second Vice Chairman..... Miranda Skaggs
Third Vice Chairman..... Taylor Colvin
Secretary..... Riley Stokes
Treasurer..... Summer Halbert
District Delegate..... Kyler Wendt
Reporter..... Zach Smith
Parliamentarian..... Michael Kirk
Historian..... Becca Catlin
Health & Safety Officer..... Luke Schumann

4-H Council, Club Manager, and Adult Leader Association Meetings

****Meetings begin at 6:00p.m. at the Brazos County Extension Office****
August 17 - Club Managers, Adult Leaders & OPEN County Council Meeting
September 21 - County Council Officer Meeting - OFFICERS ONLY
October 19 - Club Managers, Adult Leaders & OPEN County Council Meeting
November 9 - County Council Officer Meeting - OFFICERS ONLY
December 14 - County Council Winter Social (Recreation event for 4-H youth)
January 18 -Club Managers, Adult Leaders & OPEN County Council Meeting
March TBD - County Council Officer Meeting - OFFICERS ONLY
April 19 - Club Managers, Adult Leaders & OPEN County Council Meeting
May 17 - Club Managers, Adult Leaders & OPEN County Council Meeting

Brazos Co. Clubs

Join a Club!

The following are the 21 4-H Clubs in Brazos County and their Club Name, Club Manager(s), Project descriptions, meeting location, date and time:

Club Name & Project Description		
Arrow Academy/SOS		
Becky Tucker becky.tucker@arrowacademy.org	Arrow Academy is an in school 4-H program.	Meets: 2nd Wednesday of the month Arrow Academy
Archery		
Rebecca Dominy 979-575-5816 dominy.rebecca@gmail.com Rochelle Bradley 979-218-5208 nrbradley@yahoo.com Mellissa Roy 270-320-1938 charlieanastazja@ymail.com	The Archery Club promotes all aspects of archery as a sport. Club members partake in various community service projects. Club activities encourage good sportsmanship, leadership and citizenship.	Meets: 4th Thursday each month Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church 3333 Oak Ridge Drive Bryan Time: 7 PM Website: www.brazos-4h-archery.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/b4hac
Bridle & Bit		
Bill Merka 979-224-1786 merka@chem.tamu.edu Whitt Lightsey 979-229-8632 whitt@regencyproperties.net	Faith Riders horse drill team. Brazos Faith Riders are a 4-H Equestrian Drill Team. We have over 12 kids from 4 counties that ride and participate in all levels of 4-H horse shows. You don't have to be an experienced rider, we will teach you. Contact us for more information.	Meets: 1st Sunday each month Location: Dick Freeman Arena 7802 Turkey Creek Rd. College Station Time: 2:30 PM Facebook: Brazos County Faith Riders

Brazos Co. Clubs

BCIS		
Jesus Lujan 979-676-0447 jlujan@brazosschool.org	Brazos School for Inquiry & Creativity In-School/After-School program focuses on JMG/LGEG Growing U as an In-School project. After-School projects include Robotics and Photography.	Meets: Tuesdays/Thursdays Location: Brazos School for Inquiry & Creativity 410 Bethel Ln. Bryan Time: 2 PM

Castlegate		
Rebecca Hapes castlegate4hclub@gmail.com Rusty Hohlt 361-648-6050 rrhohlt@ag.tamu.edu	Contact the Club managers for more information.	Meets: 2nd Sunday each month Location: Castlegate II Event Center 4205 Norwich Dr. College station' Time: 2 PM Facebook: Castlegate 4-H

Edge		
Natalie Halbert 979-218-0593 halbertnd@gmail.com edge4h@gmail.com	The Edge 4-H Club is a new community-centered club in northeast Brazos County. The purpose of this group is to build the next generation of leaders, promote citizenship and community, and assist our youth in "Making the Best Better". Newly forming project groups include gardening & horticulture, clothing & textiles, and food & nutrition.	Meets: 1st Thursday each month Location: Edge Community Center 7628 Edge Schoolhouse Road Time: 6:00 PM Facebook: Edge 4-H Club

Equestrian		
Jamilyn Bolen jamilyn.bolen@hotmail.com	Equestrian Club activities include holding an Open Horse Show, Horse Judging, Horse Bowl, riding sessions and a Horsemanship Clinic. Community service includes working the annual Christmas tree recycling for the community and many other projects.	Meets: 1st Tuesday each month Location: A&M United Methodist Church 417 University Dr. College Station Time: 6:00 PM Website: equestrian4-h.org

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Harmony Science Academy

April Crow 979-218-4030 april.crow@harmonytx.org Sally Gregory 979-255-4799 sgregory@harmonytx.org	HSA After-School 4-H Club focuses on Robotics, Photography, and JMG/LGEG Growing U projects.	Meets: Wednesdays Location: Harmony Science Academy 2031 Texas Ave. Bryan Time: 4 PM

K-9 Club

Katie Neason katieneason@me.com Charlotte Hold aggiecharlotte@gmail.com	The K9 4-H Dog Club promotes all aspects of dog training. Training ranges from obedience to agility and dog show training such as showmanship and conformation. Dog training sessions are held weekly and the club hosts a dog show annually.	Meets: 1st Tuesday each month Location: Christ's Way Baptist Church 3885 Copperfield Dr. Bryan Time: 6:30 PM Facebook: Brazos County 4H K9

North Bryan New Birth

Tchlendra 'Lynn' Williams williams6children@gmail.com	NBNB 4-H Club focuses on projects such as Food & Nutrition, Clothes/Textiles, Gardening, and Community Service.	Meets: 3rd Saturday each month Location: North Bryan New Birth Baptist Church 4615 Blue Lay Ln. Bryan Time: 11:30 AM Website: nbnewbirth.org

Brazos Robotics

Cindy Davis brazoscountyrobotics@gmail.com	The Brazos Robotics Club focuses on teaching youth Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) principles by learning how to build, program and complete missions using a LEGO® Mindstorms® EV3 robot. We emphasize teamwork, cooperation, developing creative solutions through clear communication, and team building.	Meets: 3rd Monday of each month Location: Brazos County Extension Office 4153 County Park Court Bryan Time: 7:00 PM

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Runtin' N' Gruntin

April Crow 979-218-4030 april.crow@harmonytx.org Sally Gregory 979-255-4799 sgregory@harmonytx.org	A diverse-interest club that examines a wide range of 4-H projects. Livestock (beef, goat, lamb, poultry, rabbits, swine) Family and Consumer Sciences, Horticulture, Soils Judging, Poultry Judging, & Livestock Judging. Community service projects have included – Adopt-a-Highway, Cookies for Cops, Food for Firefighters & Brazos Valley Food Bank. Yearly activities include a club Christmas party, Downtown Bryan Christmas Light Parade float, various field trips and an end-of-the year party.	Meets: Wednesdays Location: Harmony Science Academy 2031 Texas Ave. Bryan Time: 4 PM

Southwood

April Crow 979-218-4030 april.crow@harmonytx.org Sally Gregory 979-255-4799 sgregory@harmonytx.org	A diverse-interest club that examines a wide range of 4-H projects. Livestock (beef, goat, lamb, poultry, rabbits, swine) Family and Consumer Sciences, Horticulture, Soils Judging, Poultry Judging, & Livestock Judging. Community service projects have included – Adopt-a-Highway, Cookies for Cops, Food for Firefighters & Brazos Valley Food Bank. Yearly activities include a club Christmas party, Downtown Bryan Christmas Light Parade float, various field trips and an end-of-the year party.	Meets: Wednesdays Location: Harmony Science Academy 2031 Texas Ave. Bryan Time: 4 PM

Sportsman's

Lesa Feldhousen 4hsortsman's@gmail.com	The Sportsman's Club emphasizes activities pertinent to skeet, trap and related shotgun shooting events as well as firearms, safety. The 4H Sportsman's Club also helps youth to promote good citizenship and build leadership skills. Annual activities include New Shooter's Classes, Brazos County Shoot, Can Food Drive for the Brazos Food Bank, and participation at the Texas State 4H Shooting Sports Games.	Meets: 1st Sunday of each month Location: Boswell Porter 4-H Range 7676 CR 247 Caldwell Time: 6:30 PM Facebook: Brazos County 4-H Sportsmans Club

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Still Creek

Lance Hadson l.hanson@stillcreekacademy.org	This is an organized 4-H in-school club. Contact the Club managers for more information.	Meets: 1st Monday each month Location: Still Creek

St. Joseph

Stacy Schneider 979-218-0051 jastacy@hotmail.com	St. Joseph 4-H Club members' projects include swine, horticulture, beef, poultry, sheep, goats, rabbits, food & nutrition, livestock judging, clothing, and woodworking. Community service projects have included adopting a family at Christmas, collecting toys for MASH, KBTX Food for Families Food Drive, and nursing home visits. Clover Kids K-2nd grade.	Meets: 2nd Monday each month Location: St. Joseph P.A.C. 507 E. 26th St. Bryan Time: 6:30 PM

Wixon Valley

Joni Bailey 979-224-0734 joni.bailey@bryanisd.org Betsy Brown betsybrown99@gmail.com	Wixon Valley is a multi-interest club with animal projects ranging from rabbits to commercial steers. Other projects include Junior Master Gardener Program, photography, consumer education, clothing, and foods & nutrition. Community service projects include: Relay for Life, international projects, food drives, and nursing home visitation.	Meets: 4th Monday each month Location: Sam Rayburn Middle School 1048 N. Earl Rudder Frwy Bryan Time: 6:30 PM Facebook: WixonValley4H

Projects

Step 4: Start a Project

On the 4-H Connect Enrollment pages, 4-H members are asked to select projects of interest to them. When you start your 4-H experience, you may want to select one or two projects. The more years you are in 4-H, the more projects you can usually handle. 4-H projects can be conducted throughout the 4-H year (September 1 - August 31). Certain projects have special activities or contests, so you need to begin some projects at specific times during the year. After you select your projects, contact your Club Manager or County Extension office if you have any questions.

Brazos County 4-H Livestock Projects
Important Dates

LIVESTOCK	DEADLINE	DATE
Market Steers	Validation/Ownership Deadline	6/2021
Commercial Steers	Validation/Ownership Deadline	9/2021
BCYLS Market Steers	Validation/Ownership Deadline (Same day as Comm. Steers)	9/2021
Lambs	Validation/Ownership Deadline (See the 4-H Newsletter for more information)	10/2021
Goats	Validation/Ownership Deadline (See the 4-H Newsletter for more information)	10/2021
Barrows- Majors	Validation/Ownership Deadline	11/2021
Barrows- BCYLS Only	Validation/Ownership Deadline	12/2021
Market Turkeys	(Order Date)	8/2021
Houston Broilers	(Order Date)	8/2021
San Antonio Broilers	(Order Date)	8/2021
BCYLS Broilers	(Order Date)	1/2022
Horses	Validation	4/2022
Barrows- Majors	(Order Date)	2/2022

**NOTE: Poultry: The date ordered is not the entry date. You must submit entries at the designated time to be able to show.

**NOTE: Rabbits: Make special note of the breeding dates for market rabbits ow when they must be purchased.

Other 4-H Projects & Programs

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Agriculture & Livestock

Cattle- The beef project teaches the fundamentals of the beef cattle industry by allowing youth to explore the area of animal husbandry, livestock selection, health, and care, in addition to exhibiting beef cattle at the local, county, state, and national shows.
Contact– Matt Pfeifer- matthew.preifer@ag.tamu.edu

Commercial Heifer– The commercial heifer program is designed to be educational and beneficial for the youth of Brazos County. It is held in conjunction with the Brazos Valley Fair in October. You will show a pen of 3 bred females, complete a record book, and an interview for the overall score for this project.
Contact– Matt Pfeifer- matthew.preifer@ag.tamu.edu

Dog Project- The 4-H Dog project provides a safe environment for youth to interact with and learn about one of their closest friends, their dog. The project is designed to enhance the relationship a young person has with their dog and make their dog a happier better adjusted member of the family.
Contact– Katie Neason- katieneason@me.com

Equine -The Horse Project is designed as a tool for 4-H members to learn about horse care and handling, and the equine industry in general, through hands-on activities designed to develop skills not only in horsemanship and equine handling, but also in leadership, communication, decision-making and personal management.
Contact– Jamilyn Bolen – jamilynbolin@hotmail.com

Horse Judging- The evaluation of a horses characteristics & making a comparison to other animals and the ideal standard of that particular class.
Contact– Jamilyn Bolen – jamilynbolin@hotmail.com

Drill Team– To provide an opportunity for youth to develop drill team skills as well as leadership and teamwork skills; and to enhance the 4-H Horse Project while creating a positive environment for the youth to develop mentoring skills with other youth.
Contact– Whitt Lightsey– lightseywhitt@gmail.com

Swine-The Swine project is the most popular large animal livestock project in Texas. The swine project teaches the fundamentals of the swine industry by allowing youth to explore the areas of animal husbandry, livestock selection, health, daily maintenance and care, in addition to exhibiting swine at local, county, state, and national swine shows.
Contact– Matt Pfeifer– mattew.pfeifer@ag.tamu.edu

Livestock Judging-The evaluation of an animal's characteristics & making a comparison to other animals and the ideal standard of that particular class.
Contact– Nick Philipello– jillphilipello@msn.com

Poultry-The poultry project teaches members poultry production and marketing by managing poultry projects. Project topics include broilers, capons, turkeys, egg production, and development from egg to chick.
Contact– Matt Pfeifer – matthew.pfeifer@ag.tamu.edu

Sheep & Goats-The Sheep & Goat project teaches youth to care for live animals while learning about animal health and nutrition, breeding, selection and marketing. In the 4-H sheep project individuals learn decision making, record keeping, responsibility, sportsmanship and leadership.
Contact– Chadd Caperton – chadd.caperton@ag.tamu.edu

Horticulture The horticulture project is a hands-on project that incorporates community and volunteer service with learning about plant growth, environment horticulture and ecology, fruits and nuts, landscape design, soil and water, insects and diseases, vegetables and herbs, and life skills and career exploration.
Contact– Skip Richter- Robert.richter@ag.tamu.edu

Family & Community Health

Fashion & Interior Design -The 4-H clothing and textiles project allows youth the opportunity learn basic sewing skills, learn the process for creating their own original designs, create beautiful quilts, learn to be a super shopper and develop a personal fashion style.
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Consumer Decision Making- The 4-H Consumer Education Project engages youth in the importance of making wise consumer decisions. Through educational experiences such as workshops to a retail store, to learn how to make good decisions about purchasing a variety of projects, to learning about "Consumer Savy" and the importance of becoming informed to be able to help make responsible consumer purchases of a variety of products for your family.
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Food & Nutrition The 4-H Foods & Nutrition Project engages youth in the importance of eating and living a healthy lifestyle. Through educational experiences, such as field trips to the grocery store to learn how to buy fresh vegetables and fruits and interactive workshops to learn how to build a healthy plate and the importance of eating a balanced meal, youth gain the necessary skills to make smart decisions for themselves, as well as helping their family.
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Healthy Lifestyles-Youth learn how to improve physical, intellectual, emotional and social health through participation in the health project. Specifically, youth learn about the importance of physical activity, proper hygiene, dental care, healthy snacking, vaccinations and sleep.
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Natural Resources

Shooting Sports- The 4-H Shooting Sports project is a comprehensive introduction to shooting sports safety and the fundamentals of shooting disciplines including: archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun, muzzle loading, and hunting.Youth may participate in one or more of the listed disciplines where certified 4-H coaches are available to lead.
Contacts:
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Shotgun— Tom Wright - tom_wright67@hotmail.com

STEM

Photography-The 4-H Photography project offers opportunities for youth to explore the world through the lens of a camera. Photography is a great way to engage youth in communicating what the world looks like to them. Through the photography project, youth learn skills from the basic parts of a camera, careers in photography, and digital publishing and developing.
Contact–Makayla C. Donaldson– makayla.cruz@ag.tamu.edu

Robotics-The 4-H Robotics Curriculum is designed to meet the diverse requirements of 4-H clubs, after-school programs, individual youth and school enrichment activities. The curriculum was developed for all levels of expertise: from beginning to advanced.
Contact– Cindy Davis - brazoscountyrobotics@gmail.com
Hendrix Broussard- Hendrix.broussard@ag.tamu.edu

Projects Cont.

Step 5: Complete a Project

After you have selected your project you are ready to start gaining information and having fun learning about your project. In 4-H, you are asked to do a minimum of six learning experiences to complete a project. Learning experiences will vary from project to project, such as meetings with other 4-H'ers and Leaders, going on tours, attending workshops, reading publications or surfing the Internet. Many 4-H'ers work on the project with their parents, grandparents or other family members while other 4-H'ers work on projects with a group of friends. Working through a project from start to finish helps a 4-H member gain skills in carrying out responsibilities, as well as setting and completing goals.

General Project Calendar for Brazos County

On the following pages, you will find a table that outlines some of the project areas in Brazos County 4-H. Use this information to look ahead for major deadlines and event timeframes. Each item will occur around the week written or weeks (using an arrow) as noted on the table.

Then, refer to the 4-H Calendar found on the county website to find specific dates and project meetings.

COUNTY 4-H AWARDS, RECORD BOOKS AND PINS

In addition to recognition at Brazos County 4-H Contests, 4-H members are also recognized for accomplishments at the annual Brazos County 4-H Achievement Banquet held in the early fall. The entry deadline for these awards is in July. All awards applications can be found in the Brazos County Awards & Recognition Handbook, and briefly described here:

1) RECORD BOOK AWARDS - Record Book awards are presented based on what 4-Hers report in their 4-H Record Book. Committees judge or evaluate project work and achievement, leadership, personal growth and development by reading the record books.

2) 4-H YEAR PINS - 4-H Completion Year Pins are awarded to every 4-H member in Brazos County who completes a 4-H project during the year and turns in a Record Book.

3) PROJECT COMPLETION PINS - Project pins are awarded to members who complete a 4-H Record Book at the Junior, Intermediate or Senior level.

4) ROOKIE AWARDS - A 4-H member who has completed his or her first year of membership, regardless of age, is eligible for the Rookie Award.

5) 4-H HONOR ROLL - Available to Junior members, ages 8 and in the third grade through 10 years old who meet the established criteria.

6) 4-H ALL STAR - Available to Intermediate members, ages 11-13 who meet the established criteria.

7) **4-H LETTERMAN** - Available to Senior members, ages 14 and over who meet the established criteria.

8) DANFORTH I DARE YOU AWARD - This award is offered as recognition of excellence in character, well-balanced personal development and demonstrated leadership. Brazos County will give two (2) awards to deserving Senior age 4-H Members.

9) GOLD STAR AWARD - The Gold Star Award is the most sought-after 4-H award at the county level. It is awarded each year to four (4) or more outstanding Senior 4-H members in Brazos County based on their total 4-H career.

10) SILVER STAR AWARD - The Silver Star Award is presented each year to four (4) or more outstanding 4-H Intermediate Members. An application form for the award must be completed and turned in with the record book.

11) BRONZE STAR AWARD - The Bronze Star Award will be presented each year to four (4) outstanding 4-H Junior Members at the County Awards Banquet. An application form for the award must be completed and turned in with

12) SPECIAL COUNTY AWARDS - The following awards are made available on a county-wide basis to encourage excellence in 4-H projects. A 4-H member is eligible for any award if the project is included in the 4-H Record Book, and a member may apply for all awards. Awards for Outstanding Achievement are awarded in the following project areas: Archery, Beef, Citizenship*, Community Service*, Dog, Fashion and Interior Design, Food and Nutrition, Horse, Horticulture, Leadership*, Goat, Photography, Poultry, Public Speaking, Rabbit, Robotics, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Swine and Vet Science.

*Denotes projects judged on overall 4-H performance, not necessarily limited to one project area.

Activities & Events

Step 6: Participate in Activities

Activities are contests or opportunities for 4-H members to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have gained through their project work. Some of the activities allow a team of 4-H'ers to prepare a presentation, while other activities are for individual contest entry.

Participating in 4-H activities helps the member gain public speaking skills and presentation skills that will help them throughout their life. Other activities available to 4-H'ers are a variety of camps and workshops conducted mainly in the summer.

Some of the major activities:

Fashion Shows
Quiz Bowls
Food Shows
Outdoor Activities
Food Challenge
Performing Arts
Horse Shows
Livestock Shows
Photography Contests
Service Projects
Judging Contests
Shooting Sports Contests
Talks or Method Demonstrations
Dog Shows

Camps

County Camp, July	(all ages)
Prime Time, July	(9-13 year olds)
Jr. Leadership Lab, Oct./Nov.	(11-13 year olds)
Spectra, July	(14-18 year olds)
Leadership Lab, June	(14-18 year olds)
Teen Retreat, January	(13-19 year olds)

You must register on 4-H Connect to participate in some of the activities 4-H has to offer.

1. When approved, you may log in to your account by clicking "I have a profile" and providing your email address and password.
2. On the "Member List" page, scroll to the bottom of the page and select a member from the "Register a member for an event" drop down menu. Select the event you are registering. Only events that a member is eligible for will be shown.
3. After you register, your county extension agent will review your registration and approve.

Brazos County Youth Livestock Show

As in the past, the 2020 Brazos County Youth Livestock Show and Sale is anticipated by numerous 4-H and FFA members from throughout Brazos County. The 66th annual Brazos County Youth Livestock Show and Auction will be held at the Brazos County Exposition Complex, March 21–27, 2022.

Judging will include livestock projects, agricultural mechanics projects, and in family and consumer science the following categories: baked and canned goods, clothing, arts and crafts, woodworking, metalworking, ornamental horticulture and photography.

The website for Brazos County Youth Livestock Association is: http://www.bcyla.net

Eligibility Form

This is a required form for competitive events and both the form and the instructions related to the form are at the end of the handbook.

Official form can be found at: https://brazos.agrilife.org/publications/4h-publications/

Other

Step 7: Keep Records

When you spend time working on a project, you need to record or take notes and pictures to track what you learn through your progress. Brazos County 4-H'ers have the chance to complete a **Record Book** for recognition at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet held in the fall and to be considered for 4-H awards.

4-H Record Books are a great way for 4-Her's to keep records of their progress on their project! In constructing a 4-H Record Book, members organize information about their participation and accomplishments in all 4-H projects and activities. Any project can be completed using a 4-H Record Book. Record books are judged at county, district, and state levels at the end of the project year.

Step 8: Share Information

As a 4-H member, you learn to share with others the information you gain through your project experience.

Step 9: Help Others

The 4-H experience includes helping others. We call our 4-H helping, Community Service. This is something that you do for a non- 4-H audience without pay or compensation.

"One Day" Community Service Project Day

One Day 4-H is a way for all 4-H members to take one day to say "thank you" to their communities, county, and state for all the support they have provided to 4-H members for more than 100 years.

One Day 4-H will occur on October 9, 2021 in every county across Texas. Each 4-H member can recruit friends to help make their communities better through adopting a service project. These projects can be done as individuals or as an entire county 4-H Program. Regardless of the project that is chosen, it is one day to make a difference!

Step 10 - Promote 4-H

4-H is the largest youth organization in the country because we are always inviting others to attend. Part of your 4-H experience will be to get others involved in the program. This could mean asking a friend to visit your club meeting or preparing a poster for National 4-H Week October 3 - 9, 2021.

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DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

This form is requested in accordance with the requirement of the Texas Education Code and in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency and local school board policies.

Instructions: Complete one form per activity. 4-H member should return original form to the County Extension Office

PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

In accordance with 4-H policy, provided by our local Extension office, I respectfully request:

(CHECK ONE)

- ☐ Academic eligibility information only.
- ☐ Academic eligibility information and authorization to receive an excused absence from school.

Date of Activity:_____ Name of Activity: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian:_____

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT SECTION

I hereby certify that _____ is a member of 4-H in _____ County and is scheduled to participate in this activity representing 4-H. He/she will be under the supervision of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service faculty or agency's designated volunteer leader.

_____ _____

Date Signature of County Extension Agent

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ I do certify that the student is academically eligible to participate in the above mentioned activity.
- ☐ I do not certify the student because he/she is **NOT** academically eligible to participate in the above mentioned activity.

EXCUSED ABSENCE (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ An excused absence will be granted.
- ☐ An excused absence will **NOT** be granted.
- ☐ Does not apply.

EDUCATIONAL STATUS (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ Face-to-Face (on campus)
- ☐ Virtual Option
- ☐ Homeschooled

_____ _____

Date Signature of Principal or Designee

_____

Name of School

DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

4-H'ers should complete a separate form for each competitive event/activity in which they plan to participate. The original form should be returned to the county Extension office by the deadline established by the County Extension Office.

NOTE: Schools requiring a copy of this form should make their copy before returning it to the student.

Parent/Guardian Section

1. Parent/Guardian will select the information being requested. It is either:
   - Academic eligibility information only. (Used to verify academic eligibility only for 4-H competitive events/activities.), or
   - Academic eligibility information and authorization to receive an excused absence from school. (Used to verify academic eligibility as well as receive authorization to receive an excused absence. This would be used for events held during school hours such as stock shows, state and national 4H contests and events, etc.)

2. Complete the date and name of activity. (Used to notify school officials of exact dates/times a student would be participating in a 4-H activity or representing 4-H at an event.)

3. Parent/Guardian signature is required. The signature of the parent/guardian confirms that this person is aware of the academic eligibility and excused absence requirements of the Texas Education Code.

County Extension Agent Section

1.ExtensionOffice will complete this section and certify the youth is a 4-H member and his/her participation in the event.

2.County Extension Agent (with adjunct faculty status) will sign the form.

School Principal/Designee Section

1. Principal, or designee, will indicate the 4-H members eligibility status, options are:
   - Academically eligible to participate
   - Not academically eligible to participate

2. The principal or designee will indicate whether or not an excused absence will be granted.

3. Principal, or designee, will sign and date the form in order to be valid.

4-H family should follow instructions provided by the
County Extension Office on returning form to the
Extension Office by the given deadline.

NOTE -The Extension office will then need a copy for our documentation and the child will keep the original to be presented, if needed, to the event supervisor or the school. The copy may be sent any of the following ways:

Mailed to our office at: 4153 County Park Court., Bryan, TX 77802
Scanned and emailed to: ejbesser@ag.tamu.edu or charlotte.hold@ag.tamu.edu
Faxed to #979-775-3768
Brought in and we will make the copy for you